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Mr. Robert C. Ridgway Environmental Office Federal Research Center at White Oak 10901-C New Hanmpshire Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20903-1049

Dear Mr. Ridgway:

On June 16, 2003, I conducted an aerial survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at the Federal Research Center at White Oak. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, your site.

However, if you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2004, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 22, 2003.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN

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